Petition re remission of tax in Neyyattinkara.

60. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): With reference to the ryots of Nedumonkulapuravu, Keezhumbhagom, Chenkal pakuthi, Neyyattinkara, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government or the Land Revenue Commissioner or the Dewan Peishkar, Trivandrum, received petitions from Velayudhan Govindan Unnithan and others praying for remission of tax for 1108 because of the severe flood damage; and

(*b*) what action, if any, has been taken thereon?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) It is reported that the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner and the Dewan Peishkar, Trivandrum, have received petitions from the persons referred to by the member.

(*b*) the department is making an enquiry into the matter.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): When was the first petition received by this Officer?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): On 18-1-1108.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): The answer to part (*b*) states that "The Department is making an enquiry into the matter." Is it the Tahsildar that has been asked to make an enquiry?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The Peishkar himself went to the place and made personal enquiries, and has rendered the necessary help by way of loans, &c.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): My question is with regard to the petition for *remission*. Has the Peishkar inspected the locality and satisfied himself that the parties have a legitimate grievance?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): He says that he went to the places and is now considering the question. He has not yet formally submitted his proposals.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Does his report contain the fact that he is personally satisfied that the prayer is legitimate?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The report only says that the Department is enquiring into the matter. It is only just now that the Peishkar told me personally that he has inspected the place.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): There is nothing on record?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): After this interpellation was received did not the Government call for a report from the Peishkar?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): They called for a report from the Land Revenue Commissioner.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): What does he say?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): He simply says that the Department is making an enquiry into the matter.

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MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : He has given only such a vague answer ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : He has had time only for that.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : Are the Government aware that, even after the Peishkar was convinced, on personal inspection, that the grievance was legitimate, demand notices have been issued to the poor ryots for the Vrischikam kist ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Government have no such information.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : Will the Government be pleased to enquire into the matter ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes, if necessary, after getting the Land Revenue Commissioner's report.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : May I know whether the Government will direct the Land Revenue Commissioner to make an immediate report ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

Shifting of the leper asylum.

61 MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is a proposal for shifting the leper asylum to some place in the Nuranad pakuthi ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the number of schools, temples, churches, mosques, markets, offices and other institutions situated within one mile of the proposed site ;

(*c*) the area of the land required for the purpose and the area of the Government land that is available for the same ;

(*d*) whether any earnest effort has been made by the Inspecting Medical Officer for fixing a site where the necessary Government land is available and the choosing of which would not cause much public alarm ;

(*e*) if the answer to part (*d*) is in the affirmative, the taluks and pakuthies in which such investigation has been made with the reports with respect to each of such places;

(*f*) whether it is a fact that the Inspecting Medical Officer was requested by two or three persons to suggest the transfer of the leper asylum to their lands in certain pakuthies of Kunnattur and Mavelikara and that all that he has done is only to choose one of such sites ;

(*g*) whether the Inspecting Medical Officer cared to ascertain the number of public institutions and places of public resort within a radius of one mile ;

(*h*) whether any enquiry has been made on the memorial presented to the Dewan by the Legislative Council member for the Mavelikara *cum* Kartikapalli constituency on the 9th Vrischikam 1107 on behalf of the inhabitants of Nuranad, Chunakara and Tamarakulam ; and

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